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In the Claims:

A complete listing of all claims pending, amended and cancelled is included as follows:

1. (presently amended)      A compact packaged towel, comprising:  
    ~~at least~~ one towel; and  
    a first sheet and a second sheet of a ~~substantially~~ gas impermeable material, whereby the edges along the entire perimeter of the first sheet are sealed to the corresponding edges along the entire perimeter of the second sheet to define a one compartment between the two sheets in which the ~~at least one~~ towel is positioned and where substantially all of the air is removed from the compartment and at least one perforation positioned along at least one edge of the sealed sheets to provide for access to the ~~at least one~~ towel, whereby the compartment can remain sealed and the towel undisturbed until use.
2. (presently amended)      The compact packaged towel of claim 1 wherein the ~~at least one~~ towel is folded.
3. (cancelled)
4. (cancelled)
5. (cancelled)
6. (cancelled)
7. (presently amended)      The compact packaged towel of claim 1 wherein the ~~at least one~~ towel is moistened with a liquid.
8. (presently amended)      A compact packaged towel, comprising:  
    ~~at least~~ one towel; and  
    a sheet of a ~~substantially~~ gas impermeable material, having a first half and a second half whereby the sheet is folded and the edges along the entire perimeter of the sheet first half are sealed to the corresponding edges along the entire perimeter of the sheet second half to define a one compartment between the sheet first half and the sheet second half in which the ~~at~~

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~~least one~~ towel is positioned and where substantially all of the air is removed from the compartment and one notch is positioned along at least one edge of the sealed sheets to provide for access to the ~~at least one~~ towel, whereby the compartment can remain sealed and the towel undisturbed until use.

9. (presently amended)      The compact packaged towel of claim 8 wherein the ~~at least one~~ towel is folded.

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (cancelled)

14. (presently amended)      The compact packaged towel of claim 8 wherein the ~~at least one~~ towel is moistened with a liquid.

15. (presently amended)      A compact packaged towel, comprising:  
   ~~at least one~~ towel; and  
   a first sheet and a second sheet, of a ~~substantially~~ gas impermeable material, whereby a one compartment between the two sheets is formed by vacuum sealing the edges along the entire perimeter of the first sheet to the corresponding edges along the entire perimeter of the second sheet and where the ~~at least one~~ towel is positioned in the compartment and a pull string positioned along at least a portion of the compartment to provide for access to the towel, whereby the compartment can remain sealed and the towel undisturbed until use.

16. (presently amended)      The compact packaged towel of claim 15 wherein the ~~at least one~~ towel is folded.

17. (cancelled)

18. (cancelled)

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19. (cancelled)

20. (cancelled)

21. (presently amended)      A method of providing a clean towel in a package,  
including the steps of:

providing ~~at least~~ one clean towel, the ~~at least one~~ clean towel being folded to a compact size;

providing a first sheet of protective material and a second sheet of protective material, the first and second sheets being comprised of ~~substantially~~ a gas impermeable material and each having edges about their respective perimeters;

sealing the first sheet of protective material to the second sheet of protective material at their respective edges with the towel sealed therein in one compartment while removing air ~~therefrom~~ from the compartment, to form a compact package; and

maintaining the package unopened until the package is provided to a user for opening and use.

22. (presently amended)      The method of providing a clean towel in a package of claim 21, including the step of sealing the package in a vacuum such that substantially all air is removed from the package.

23 (cancelled) The method of providing a clean towel in a package, including the steps of providing a notch on the package to assist in the opening of the sealed package.